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When can we say that even after doing some strong attack on the compression function, the above belief on the hash function security would still hold?

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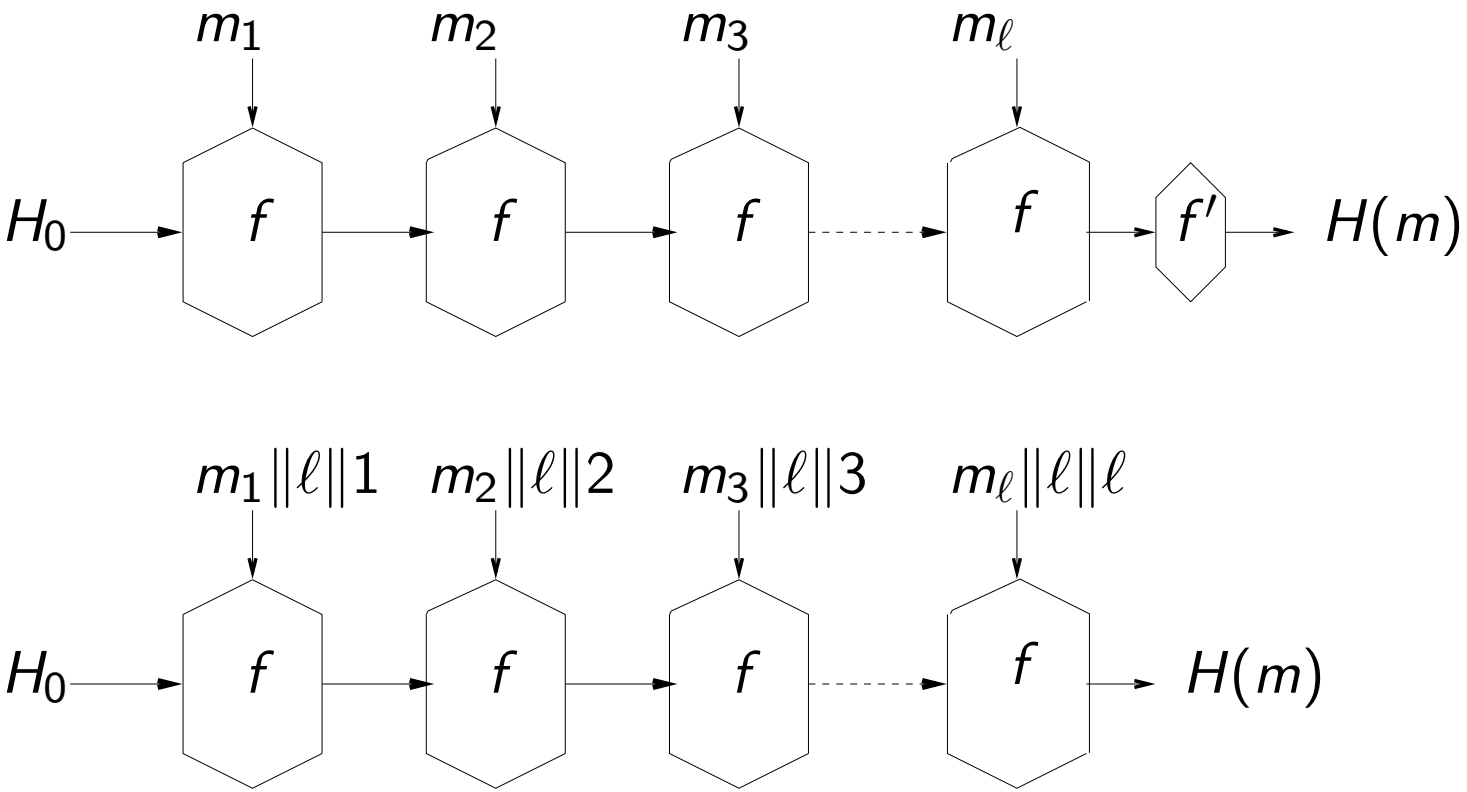
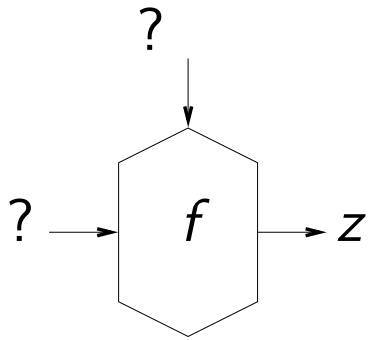
Many second round SHA3 hash functions use a wide-pipe or a pfMD or their special instantiation for the iteration.

Wide-pipe and pfMD



Invertible queries to compression functions



Weak backward query

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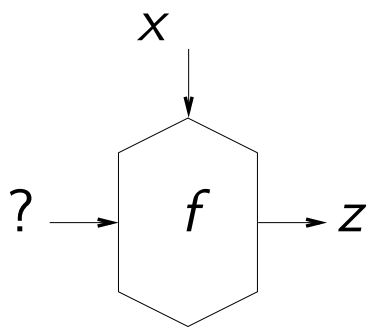

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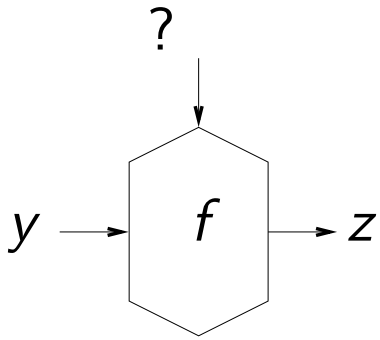
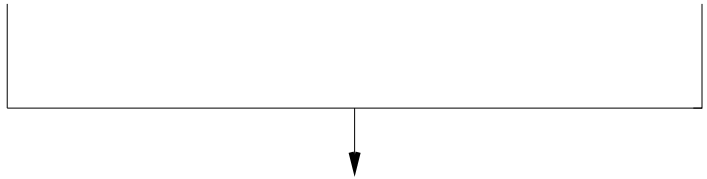


Bridging query



Strong inversion queries

[Liskov-SAC'06,Hoch-Shamir-ICALP'08]

Indifferentiability results

Mode	pfMD	wide pipe
Bridging	no	no
Strong backward	no	yes* [SHABAL team]
Weak backward	yes	yes* [SHABAL team]

1. Generalisation of indifferentiability of Sponge hash construction[Bertoni *et al.*-Eurocrypt'08].
2. Wide-pipe of a weak compression function such as Rabin's 78 scheme seems to remain indifferentiable [SHABAL team].

Thank you!!!!